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German Democratic Republic

INFORMATION ON EAST GERMAN SHIPYARDS

[redacted] the yard formerly known as "Schiffsbergung Stralsund" (Stralsund Ship Salvage Company) or "Stadtwerft" (Municipal Shipyard) is now called the "Schiffsbau und Reparaturwerft Stralsund" (Stralsund Shipbuilding and Repair Yard). The yard employs about 300 workers, but for about four weeks has not had a single naval construction engineer. It is rumored that the plant is to work in the future exclusively on the shipbuilding program for the Naval Police.

[redacted] the Elbwerft (Elbe Shipyard) in Boizenburg 50X1-HUM is practically inactive because of a shortage of materials. It is reported that the 1951 program calls for the construction of 20 luggers which will be equipped as refrigerator ships. The refrigeration installations are to be furnished by Kaelterichter in Berlin.

[redacted] the 20-meter launch "Lumme" was seen at the 50X1-HUM Peenewerft (Peene Shipyard) in Wolgast with Naval Police personnel aboard; it could not be determined whether they were crew or simply a guard detail. Two cutters built by the "Yachtwerft" (Yacht Shipyard) in Berlin were at the yard for repair, and four seiners and four luggers were being outfitted. Two hundred workers from the Boizenburg shipyard were loaned to the Peenewerft in order to complete the work on these last eight vessels by the deadline set.

[redacted] work is practically at a standstill at the 50X1-HUM "Volkswerft" (People's Shipyard) in Stralsund. Three welded-hull luggers are standing partly finished in the Construction Shop I waiting for deliveries of sheet and sections promised a month ago, and three more are standing in the open air outside the shop. There are six luggers at the quay on which work has also stopped because of lack of various materials. Recent trials in Stralsund implicating various engineers and employees of the shipyard have had a depressing effect on shipyard personnel.

[redacted] the "Staatswerft" in Stralsund employs about 500 workers. It is engaged in making repairs on the GDR's first freighter, the "Vorwaerts", which suffered damage on its trial run. Also at the yard are a former Danish buoy boat or coast guard vessel about 60 meters long, which was raised, and a 50-meter vessel on which repair work has not yet started. Plans are being made to build a lateral slip 60 meters long to increase construction facilities.

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